

***Fairfax County
Athletic Council
& Department of Community
and Recreation Services***



***Champions of Character Awards
2007 Application***

Dear Friend:

Fairfax County Athletic Council (FCAC) is pleased to announce the seventh annual Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards. This awards program honors youth, coaches and parents for extraordinary service in pursuing victory with honor. The Champions of Character Awards Program is based on the national Character Counts initiative "Pursuing Victory With Honor." The program's aim is to help restore the ennobling tradition of amateur athletic competition. The FCAC invites you to nominate outstanding youth and adults who have demonstrated extraordinary service in the sports community while modeling the basic traits of good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Youth and adults participating in any county sports league, including interscholastic sports, will be invited to be recognized at a ceremony on October 9, 2007, during National Character Counts Month. Champions of Character award winners will receive plaques of recognition and be listed in the program book. The awards will be presented by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and myself at the October 9 ceremony.

Nominations are now being accepted and may be submitted by individuals, sports organizations, civic groups, schools, and the faith community. The deadline for submission of a nomination is 4 p.m., Friday, June 29, 2007. We know you will want to be part of this exciting effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen McLaughlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" being more legible than the last name "McLaughlin".

Stephen McLaughlin

Chairman, Fairfax County Athletic Council

Countywide Representation

Awards will be presented to one winner in each category—female player, male player, coach, parent— from each magisterial district in the county

A selection committee composed of the Fairfax County Athletic Council members will review all submissions and determine the award winners

Nomination Guidelines

Nominees may be any player, coach or parent participating in youth league sports in Fairfax County during the 2006-07 sports year.

Nominations must be received by 4 p.m. June 29, 2007.

A brief description (100 words or less) on how the player/coach/parent has shown outstanding strength of character must accompany the nomination form.

Nominations are subject to verification.

Awards Ceremony

Award winners will be honored with a reception and ceremony on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035-1115.



Player Nominee

A nominee should be an individual who has demonstrated outstanding strength of character while:

- Being respectful to opponents and game officials;
- Treating all team players fairly, giving attention to all players regardless of skill level;
- Giving respect and consideration to other team members;
- Helping team mates with words of encouragement and inspiration;
- Playing true to the spirit and rules of the game, and promoting friendly competition;
- Exhibiting courage in defeat, and moderation in victory;
- Showing a willingness to sacrifice personal goals for those of the team; and/or
- Giving back to the team or program by helping out when able.



Coach Nominee

A nominee should be an individual who has demonstrated outstanding strength of character while:

- Being respectful to opponents and game officials;
- Treating all team players fairly, giving attention to all players regardless of skill level;
- Recognizing the efforts of individual team members;
- Motivating teams and individuals in a positive manner;
- Focusing on long term goals, not just win/loss records;
- Promoting the concept that success is measured by individual and team effort, not by a scoreboard;
- Imparting knowledge and love of the game to the team in a positive manner;
- Taking responsibility for the behavior of self, team, and parents; and/or
- Exhibiting courage in defeat, and moderation in victory.



Parent Nominee

A nominee should be an individual who has demonstrated outstanding strength of character while:

- Being respectful to players, coaches, and game officials;
- Treating all players, coaches and parents fairly;
- Recognizing the efforts of individual team members and opposing team members;
- Motivating parents, teams, coaches and fans in a positive manner;
- Promoting the concept that success is measured by individual and team effort, not by a scoreboard;
- Demonstrating good sportsmanship by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill and good sportsmanship exhibited by players and coaches on both teams;
- Accepting volunteer roles to improve the communication and the needs of the coach and team;
- Exhibiting positive sportsmanship at all times.

Questions: 703-324-5533, TTY 771

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Fairfax, Virginia 22035
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Champion of Character Awards

Nomination Form

_____Female Player _____Male Player _____Coach _____Parent

Nominee: _____

Sport: _____Team/Organization_____

Nominee's Address: _____

City: _____State: _____Zip: _____

Telephone (daytime): _____

Email: _____

Please check the Fairfax County district where the nominee lives or coaches:

_____Braddock

_____Dranesville

_____Hunter Mill

_____Lee

_____Mason

_____Mount Vernon

_____Providence

_____Springfield

_____Sully

Nominator: _____

Sport: _____Team/Organization_____

Nominator's Address: _____

City: _____State: _____Zip: _____

Telephone (daytime): _____

Email: _____

(Nominator's Signature)

I verify that the individual nominated herein has performed as described. Selection committee members may contact me for verification of this nomination.

Mail To: Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services
Athletic Services Division
12011 Government Center Parkway, 10th Floor
Fairfax, VA 22035-1115

ATTN: Be sure to include a brief description of the nominee with this form.

Submission Deadline: Before 4 p.m. on Friday, June 29, 2007

Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request. 703-324-4386, TTY 711

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